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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

SIR:

The following is a Statement Of Substance Of Interview for the telephone interview of January 20, 2004 which was summarized in an Interview Summary attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed on January 28, 2004 with the Notice of Allowance of the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner telephoned the applicants' attorney and advised that she considered independent product claim 12 to be unpatentable over Japan No. 08-038912. The Examiner advised that she considered a combination of independent product claim 12 and dependent product claim 13 to be allowable.

The Examiner advised that she considered method claims 16-20 to be allowable.

The applicants' attorney advised the Examiner, that in order to advance prosecution of the application (method claims 16-20 were allowable), the applicants agreed to amend independent claim 12 by adding the limitations of dependent claim 13 to independent claim 12.

The applicants' attorney advised the Examiner that the applicants intend to file a continuation application directed to the subject matter of independent claim 12 prior to amendment because applicants believed the subject matter of independent claim 12 prior to amendment was patentable.

The Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowability reflects the agreed to amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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